GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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CHILDREN SUFFERING FROM ANAEMIA
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that approximately 50 per cent children of the country are suffering from anaemia;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether the Government have conducted any survey in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (d) As per the National Family Health Survey-2

(1998-99), 74.3% children between age six months to thirty five months are reported to have anaemia in varying degrees. The State-wise details are annexed.

(e) Under the Reproductive and Child Health Programme Iron and Folic Acid tablets are being supplied for prophylaxix and treatment of anaemia in children. In addition, promotion of exclusive breast-feeding and appropriate complementary feeding practices including consumption of iron rich foods is being undertaken. Anaemia among children by state

Percentage of children age 6-35 months classified as having iron-deficiency anaemia by state, India, 1998-99

State	Percentage of children with anaemia	Percentage of children with:		
		Mild anaemia	Moderate anaemia	Severe anaemia
India	74.3	22.9	45.9	5.4
North				
Delhi	69.0	22.2	42.9	3.9
Haryana	83.9	18.0	58.8	7.1
Himachal Pr.	69.9	28.7	39.0	2.2
Jammu & Kashmir	71.1.	29.1	38.5	3.5
Punjab	80.0	17.4	56.7	5.9
Rajasthan	82.3	20.1	52.7	9.5
Central				
Madhya Pr.	75.0	22.0	48.1	4.9
Uttar Pradesh	73.9	19.4	47.8	6.7
East				
Bihar	81.3	26.9	50.3	4.1
Orissa	72.3	26.2	43.2	2.9
West Bengal	78.3	26.9	46.3	5.2
Northeast				
Arunachal Pr.	54.5	29.1	24.7	0.7
Assam	63.2	31.0	32.2	0.0
Manipur	45.2	22.6	21.7	0.9
Meghalaya	67.6	23.4	39.8	4.3
Mizoram	57.2	32.2	22.7	2.3
Nagaland	43.7	22.0	18.7	3.0
Sikkim	76.5	28.4	40.7	7.5
West				

Goa	53.4	23.5	27.9	2.0
Gujarat	74.5	24.2	43.7	6.7
Maharashtra	76.0	24.1	47.4	4.4
South				
Andhra Pr.	72.3	23.0	44.9	4.4
Karnataka	70.6	19.6	43.3	7.6
Kerala	43.9	24.4	18.9	0.5
Tamil Nadu	69.0	21.9	40.2	6.9

Note: Haemoglobin levels are adjusted for altitude when calculating the degree of anaemia.

Source: National Family Health Survey-II